

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 4-6 remain in the application and have been amended hereby. Claim 3 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 USC 102(a), as being anticipated by Sugaya '214.

Features of the radio transmission method for networked apparatuses according to the present invention are the use of a virtual frame period formed by using multiple contiguous frame periods for transmitting a station synchronization signal. The virtual frame period being updated depending on the number of communicating stations forming the network. See Figs. 7-10 and 13 of the present application, for example.

Looking at Sugaya '214 we see that there is no updating of a virtual frame period (multiple contiguous frame periods) depending on the number of communicating stations forming the network. Sugaya '214 is using a single frame period (Fig. 4) to establish communications among a number of communicating stations forming a network (Figs. 5A-H).

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1, 5, and 6, and the claims depending therefrom, are not anticipated by Sugaya '214.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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